d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Coal gasification project by BHEL

373. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether BHEL propose to set up 400 MW power plant based on coal gasification;

(b) if so, whether BHEL have requisite experience for building up such a power plant based on Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) technology;

(c) whether it is a fact that BHEL and NTPC have not been able to solve the differences on technical issues on 125 MW IGCC project; and

(d) by when the 125 MW project is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) The Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India had set up a National R&D Committee in 2003. As per the advice of the National R&D Committee, BHEL and NTPC have jointly prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR). BHEL Board has agreed with the approach indicated in DPR and has forwarded it to NTPC for necessary action at their end.

Appointment of independent directors in BHEL

374. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn by various trade unions including President of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) regarding appointment of independent directors in BHEL;

(b) whether someone from ZARDA (Chewing Tobacco) industry and another having links with a competitor of BHEL are functioning as independent director of BHEL;

(c) if so, the details of the professional backgrounds of independent directors in BHEL board; and